

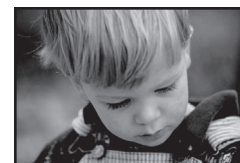
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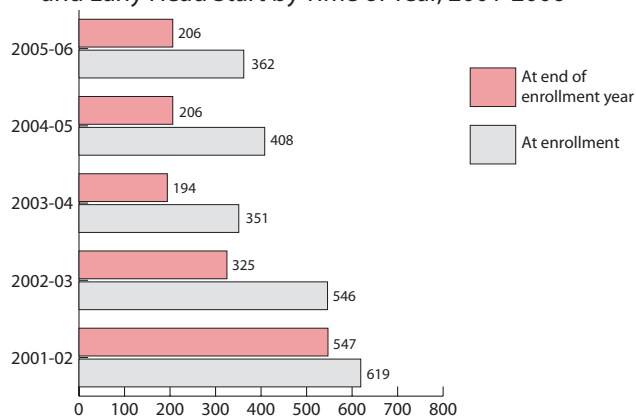
- Most Head Start children have access to health insurance
- Most Head Start children are up-to-date on health screening and receive needed treatment
- Pregnant women in Early Head Start are receiving important health services
- Mental health consultations are increasing
- Speech/language impairment is the most commonly diagnosed disability among Head Start preschool-aged children



Most Head Start Children Have Access to Health Insurance

In 2005-06, most Head Start children (91%) had access to health insurance at the time of their enrollment. The number of uninsured children at time of enrollment dropped from 408 in 2004-05 to 362 in 2005-06. Many children gain access to health insurance while enrolled in Head Start; 156 children gained access in 2005-06.

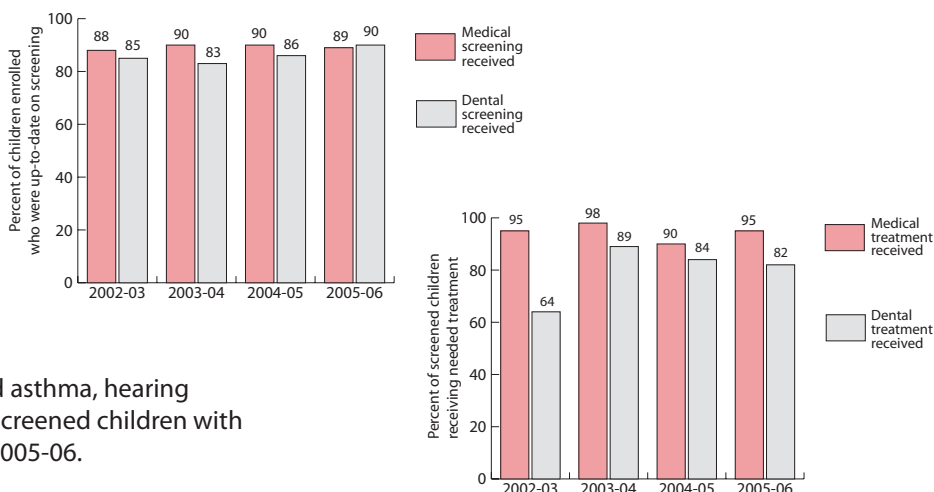
Figure 1. Uninsured Children Enrolled in North Dakota Head Start and Early Head Start by Time of Year, 2001-2006



Most Head Start Children Are Up-to-Date on Health Screening and Receive Needed Treatment

Most children enrolled in North Dakota Head Start are up-to-date on medical and dental screening. Of those children screened, 29% needed medical treatment in 2005-06. The vast majority (95%) of children diagnosed with medical needs received treatment in 2005-06. Their most common medical problems included asthma, hearing difficulties, and vision problems. Among screened children with dental needs, 82% received treatment in 2005-06.

Figure 2. Percent of Children Enrolled in North Dakota Head Start and Early Head Start Who Were Up-to-Date on Medical/Dental Screening and Percent of Screened Children Who Received Needed Treatment, 2002-2006



Data Source:

Data obtained from Head Start Program Information Reports, 2001-2006. Data in this fact sheet include pregnant women enrolled in Early Head Start programs.

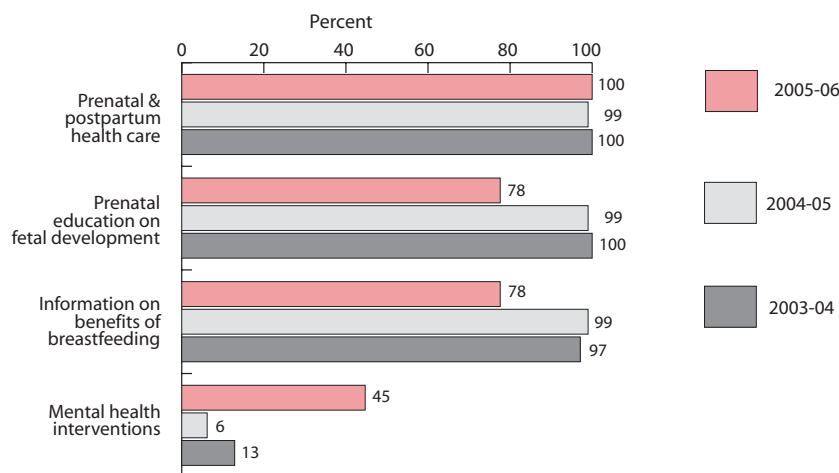
Our Mission

The goal of Head Start is to increase the social competence of children in low-income families and children with disabilities, and to improve their chances for school success.

Pregnant Women in Early Head Start Are Receiving Important Health Services

In recent years, almost all enrolled women received prenatal and postpartum health care services. In addition, 78% or more received prenatal education on fetal development and information on the benefits of breastfeeding. In contrast, the percentage of women receiving mental health interventions and follow-up rose dramatically to 45% of women in 2005-06. In 2005-06, there were 76 pregnant women enrolled in North Dakota Early Head Start programs.

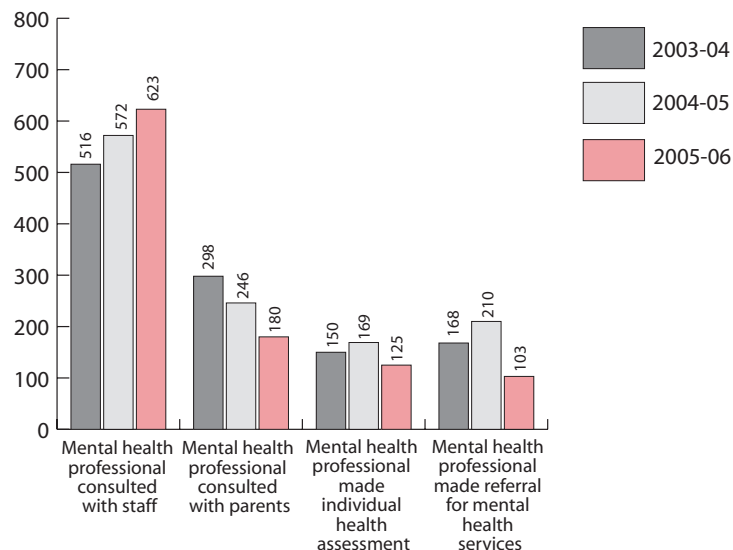
Figure 3. Percent of Pregnant Women Enrolled in North Dakota Early Head Start by Type of Health Services Received, 2003-2006



Mental Health Consultations Are Increasing

Over the past several years, mental health professionals have consulted with North Dakota Head Start staff about an increasing number of children. In 2003-04, mental health professionals consulted with staff about 516 children, or 13% of Head Start enrollees. By 2005-06, mental health professionals consulted with staff about 623 children, or 16% of all enrollees. However, mental health professionals made fewer consultations with parents, individual assessments, and referrals in 2005-06 than in the previous two enrollment years.

Figure 4. Children Enrolled in North Dakota Head Start and Early Head Start by Type of Mental Health Service Received, 2003-2006



Speech/Language Impairment Is the Most Commonly Diagnosed Disability Among Head Start Preschool-Aged Children

While most (83%) North Dakota Head Start preschool-aged children are not diagnosed as having a disability, speech/language impairment is the most commonly diagnosed disability among these Head Start pupils, affecting 10% of enrollees in 2005-06. Developmental delay is the second most commonly diagnosed disability for Head Start preschool-aged children.

Figure 5. Preschool-Aged Children Enrolled in North Dakota Head Start by Diagnosed Disability, 2003-2006

